

Academic Rhode Map for BA Africana Studies Major at Rhode Island College

GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support (OASIS) 401 456-8083 or in the online catalog; look at catalog for year you enrolled. For Gen Ed courses, aside from Second Language requirement, which varies depending on where you are placed, you need ONE course from each category. Second Language 101/102 options are: American Sign, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. For information about Math Placement exam visit the orientation webpage. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. Courses with an asterisk * have prerequisites. Courses with a “W” in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive.

Academic Major Checklist	Course
AFRI 200 Introduction to Africana Studies	
AFRI 461W Seminar in Africana Studies*(WID)	
HIST 236 Post-Independence Africa* OR HIST 348 Africa under Colonial Rule*	
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map (up to a minimum of 24 credits).	
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This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation in four years. Not everyone graduates in four years as it depends on how many courses you can take, and how you do in those courses. This map is not your only route; it is a suggestion. You might take additional courses over the summer (or early spring/winter) to catch up or get ahead if the courses you need are offered at these times. While many courses in your major will have prerequisites that will need you to take them in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map, but always double check you have the correct prerequisites for a course you plan to take. Maps assume a Fall start.

The column to the left on the other side of this page suggests the ideal courses for you to take each semester. There are times when those courses may be full or unavailable the semester you plan to take them, in which case consider another course from a different semester with which you can switch. The column on the right has "Checkpoints" for each semester that show where you should be by the end of that semester. You should work from this map as you plan each semester's schedule, before checking in with your advisor. The Map is designed primarily for freshmen coming to college for the first time, but transfer students may also use the Rhode Map with the understanding that they have most likely completed several requirements through transfer of credit, and will be starting further into the program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The following requirements must be completed by undergraduate degree candidates at Rhode Island College in order to graduate:

- General Education program, including a second language requirement and RIC 100 or equivalent
- College Math Competency (which is separate from the Gen Ed math requirement)
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours, with a minimum of 45 credit hours taken at RIC. Of the 45 credit hours, a minimum of 15 credit hours must be in the major (12 of which must be at the 300- or 400-level).
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.0
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in your major

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100).	4	FYW 100P is a 6 credit option. There is a Directed Self-Placement questionnaire you can take to aid in this decision; check the RIC First Year Writing website.
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement already satisfied, another Gen Ed Distribution course.	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional); complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
For Gen Ed-- Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB): AFRI 200 Introduction to Africana Studies	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years); Math competency completed; Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	Complete Gen Ed Math (MATH 139 recommended). Note: For Gen Ed, only one course per category
Gen Ed History (H)	4	
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or other Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits; minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Any AFRI (or equivalent) see list at end of map	3-4	The program includes options of courses other than AFRI (including ANTH, ART, ENGL, HIST, POL, PSYC and SOC—see details in catalog). Take minimum 24 credits of these.
HIST 236 or HIST 348 (African History)* or any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	Prereq. for HIST 236/348 is any HIST Gen Ed. course
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 46 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss second major or possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. Note: Africana Studies offers AFRI 262 (Gen Ed-C)*
HIST 236 or HIST 348 (African History)* or any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	Completed HIST 236/348; prereq. is any HIST Gen Ed. course
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS); BIOL 100 recommended
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 62 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; and minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 78 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; and minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
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Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 92 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; minimum GPA of 2.0 in major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* see list at end of map	3-4	
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AFRI 461W Seminar in Africana Studies* (WID) if offered, or elective	3-4	Prereqs. are AFRI 200, HIST 348 or 349 and 12 other credits toward the AFRI program
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If any courses are taken for 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits)
Requirements and GPA		All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; and minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. Make internship arrangements with placement site. Work with your advisor on learning agreement for internship

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
Any AFRI (or equivalent)* if needed; see list at end of map, course in another major or minor	3-4	
AFRI 461W Seminar in Africana Studies* (WID) if still needed, or elective	3-4	Prereqs. are AFRI 200, HIST 348 or 349 and 12 other credits toward the AFRI program
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	May need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Africana Studies Department website:
<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/africana-studies-program>

A minimum of 24 credits from the following list are required (All AFRI and HIST courses, and ART 461 are 3 credits, the rest are each 4 credits: AFRI 310 Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Era (F); AFRI 320 Hip-Hop: A Global Perspective; AFRI 335 Race and Cyberspace; AFRI 350 Special Topics in Africana Studies; AFRI 410 Seminar in Comparative Race Relations (Sp); AFRI 420 Comparative Slave Systems; AFRI 450 Special Topics in Africana Studies; ART 461 Seminar in Art History (only if on Africana related topic); ENGL 326 Studies in African American Literature; ENGL 327 Studies in Multicultural American Literatures; ENGL 336 Reading Globally (only if on Africana related topic); HIST 236 Post-Independence Africa (if taken HIST 348 to satisfy program requirement); HIST 334 African America History; HIST 348 Africa Under Colonial Rule (if taken HIST 236 to satisfy program requirement); POL 333 Law and Politics of Civil Rights; POL 341 The Politics of Developing Nations (Sp); PSYC 351 Psychology of Human Diversity (Sp); PSYC 425 Community Psychology (F); SOC 208 The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; SOC 344 Race and Justice.

Note: The total credit count for the major is 35 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. This leaves 45 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could also include a second major or a minor, or just taken as electives.